

1 FISHER:OK. It's, ahh, December 15th, about 11:53 (UI)...

2 FISHER:...D'Angelo Lee about our, ahh, meeting

3 at my office today.

4 (Long pause.)

5 (Phone ringing.)

6 FEMALE VOICE:Your call has been forwarded to an

7 automatic voice message system.

8 LEE:You have reached 214-729-3484; I am not in right

9 now, but if you leave a message, I'll return your call

10 as soon as possible. Have a great day.

11 FEMALE VOICE:Is not available. At the tone please

12 record your message. When you have finished

13 recording, you may hang up or press 1 for more

14 options. Beep.

15 BILL FISHER:Hey Commissioner, it's ahh Bill Fisher,

16 it's a little before noon on the 15th. I thought we

17 were going to try to get together today here before

18 the ahh, ahh vote tomorrow so, give me a call so we

19 can schedule something. I've gotta head out to San

20 Antonio, ahh, late today so, ahh, if we're gonna meet

21 here, we need to schedule something here pretty quick

22 or, ahh, set a time for, ahh, after Thursday. Aah, call

23 me if you would, I'm at, ahh, 214-755-2539, 755-2539.

24 Thanks.

25 (END OF THAT CALL)

1 FISHER: It is a 12:50 on December 15th and I'm  
2 getting ready to call, ahh, D'Angelo back after he made  
3 a call to me here about 10 minutes ago to, ahh (a lot  
4 of noise)...(UI)... West Village. So, I called him back  
5 to try and, ahh, (UI)...  
6 (Dialing)  
7 (Phone - busy signal)  
8 (Dialing again)  
9 (Phone ringing)  
10 LEE:Good afternoon.  
11 FISHER:Hey, it's me, Bill Fisher, how are you?  
12 LEE:Good.  
13 FISHER:The, the reason I was trying to get you to come  
14 out here, frankly, is I have got to go to San Antonio here  
15 this afternoon at about 3:30 for a public hearing I've  
16 got tonight and, you know, Rick and those guys, I mean,  
17 we need to meet obviously before tomorrow. So, is there  
18 any way you can come out here? I mean, I've got a  
19 conference room, you know, I'm in an executive suite  
20 kind of setting. I've got, we got a couple of conference  
21 rooms to choose from. Ahem, you know, I know it's  
22 inconvenient, but I'm just up the toll road 5 minutes.  
23 It would really help me out if we could do that, but ahh.  
24 LEE:OK. Is it, is it possible, ahh, (clearing his  
25 throat)...

1 What time is it now Bill?

2 FISHER:It's about one. Yeah, it's about 10 to one.

3 LEE:OK, ahem...

4 FISHER:I mean if it, if you...

5 LEE:It's not...

6 FISHER:...we, we still have to get through Don anyway,  
7 so I mean if, if it's easier for you to meet after  
8 tomorrow, I mean we can do it on Friday. I'm, I'm  
9 only pressing because you know, we've gotten the sense  
10 from Rick that we need to, to try and wrap things up  
11 with him here.

12 LEE:Well, well, let (stuttering) me just make some  
13 clarity, ahh, provide some clarity, is, you know, the  
14 deal and st... that you, that you gonna do with Rick  
15 and those guys that's, that's separate from what  
16 we're gonna meet on today.

17 FISHER:OK.

18 LEE:What we're gonna meet on is your deal. The land  
19 use deal and making sure that everything is in place  
20 in regards to that, and as far as I'm concerned, all of  
21 that is in place.

22 FISHER:OK.

23 LEE:(UI) I'm going to move that forward, ahem, but what  
24 you need to work out with Rick and those guys, I want you  
25 all to go ahead and work that out, you all should, you

1 know, 'cause, they're, they're, you know, contractors  
2 and they're trying to business with you and that's the  
3 decision that you all get together and make up. You  
4 know you follow what I'm saying?

5 FISHER:Well, I mean really we've already, I mean I  
6 guess they've kinda gone through all that with me; I'm  
7 really looking for a confirmation from you and then  
8 hopefully Don that we're, you know, that this case is  
9 gonna get across the finish line. Ahem, so....

10 LEE:I, I, I'm assuring you that, I mean, we're gonna move  
11 the deal forward.

12 FISHER:OK.

13 LEE:And, and both Don and myself, you know, if I make a  
14 recommendation, pretty much, that's where the  
15 direction is gonna go. Ahem, I told him I really want  
16 this deal to be done and we're gonna get it done. So,  
17 ahem, I'm, I'm letting you know that up front and the  
18 relationship that you all have, you know, with Rick and  
19 Jibreel, you all work that out. I mean 'cause I, you  
20 know, so they, you know, wanta make sure that these  
21 guys are involved in, you know, doing some business in  
22 the southern sector.

23 FISHER:OK. Ahem,...

24 LEE:So you all just get together, execute whatever  
25 relationship you all need to, to execute and I will

1 work on the land use side. That's what, that's what I do.  
2 FISHER:OK. What, you know, the, the, you know, they're  
3 telling me that this, that the group I need to use is  
4 this RA-MILL Group and that, you know, you have some  
5 involvement with them and that's fine. Ahem, and...  
6 LEE:I have no involvement with that group.  
7 FISHER:OK. Alright. Ahem, again, that, so I'm confused  
8 here. So, the...  
9 LEE:Well, the thing is, the thing is, is I have no, no  
10 involvement with RA-MILL. My, my concern is, I just  
11 wanta make sure that there are minority developers,  
12 contractors, individuals that are involved in any  
13 development that is done in the southern sector. And  
14 what I do is that I recommend groups, you know, to you.  
15 I recommend contractors, I recommend developers, I  
16 recommend CDC's and CHDO's and all of those, you  
17 know, if they a workable situation for you, then I  
18 certainly want to, you know, endorse that and move  
19 forward on that. But, I am not involved personally in  
20 RA-MILL.  
21 FISHER:OK. 'Cause that's not, that's not what they  
22 told me, so again, this is why I'm, I'm confused. This  
23 is why I wanta make sure that you and I met, ahem...  
24 LEE:Yeah, as a matter of fact, as a matter of fact, what,  
25 what I would like to do is that I'm going to be ahh, it's,

1 it's gonna be real difficult. Really I want, I can't  
2 come that far out north. I can meet you (UI), on the toll  
3 road. We can meet, ahh, you know, we can meet at  
4 Houston's or somewhere, you know, or (stutter) Mac Grill  
5 or whatever, off of Northwest Highway. I prefer to meet  
6 somewhere there.

7 FISHER:OK.

8 LEE:Which will allow you to get to the airport in  
9 ample time. It'll allow me to get back to my meeting.

10 FISHER:Alright. Ahem...

11 LEE:I can re-route somebody to come over that way to  
12 drop off what I need to have back down town, you know,  
13 real soon. So I'm gonna re-route some things in order  
14 to make this, this deal happen.

15 FISHER:No, I understand, I understand. Ahem, well how  
16 important is it that you and I meet before tomorrow?  
17 I mean is this something we can do on Friday? I mean,  
18 I mean I know the case is tomorrow and ahh, and Rick  
19 and Jibreel have told me we need to try and wrap our  
20 stuff up between now and tomorrow. Ahem,...

21 LEE:Well, I would hope that you would, whatever  
22 agreement, relationships that you all have with, ahh,  
23 RA-MILL, that you all will round that up. That you would  
24 tie that up and, and everybody's clear about, you know,  
25 how that organization is gonna work along with you in

1 order to get your deals done. Yes. I think you should  
2 do that.

3 FISHER:OK. But, frankly, I need some kind of  
4 confirmation from you that this is going to get my  
5 deal across the finish line. So....

6 LEE:Well, and, and, and again, ahh, Bill, my decision is  
7 not based on whether you do business with anyone. I,  
8 I purely recommend these individuals to you and I, you  
9 know, I want to see these guys do business; but my  
10 decision is not based upon that. It's purely upon land  
11 use. I like your project. I think it's good for the  
12 southern  
13 sector. I want it to move forward. I think it's  
14 great, it's a wonderful concept, wonderful idea, and I  
15 want it to move forward. And I do want, you know,  
16 contractors working on that deal. That, that are  
17 invested in this community. I believe that's what my  
18 councilman want, that's what we, we like to see the (UI)  
19 around here working, doing business.

20 FISHER:But, you know, frankly I, I had that all in place  
21 for, you know, the other projects and we ended up  
22 going with the other developer so, ahem, you know,  
23 according to Rick and Jibreel, you know, part of this  
24 was because, you know, we didn't get something done  
25 we were supposed to get done and Ron Ferguson was a

1 problem in the loop and...

2 LEE:Bill, Bill, I, I don't wanta talk about this,

3 you know, ...

4 FISHER:Well, that's what I'm saying, let's not talk

5 about it on the phone, but it's, well,....

6 LEE:I think we, we, we, we got together and we discussed

7 that my decision is purely based upon land use.

8 (A long pause)

9 FISHER:Well, well, let's do this, I'll, I'll just call,

10 I'll just back track with them and we can go from there.

11 I just, you know, I'm, I'm not, not sure what else to do.

12 So, ahem, Rick had called me, you know, he and I

13 spoke on Saturday. You know, he told me that he

14 would speak with you this weekend. He called me

15 and said that I see y'all had talked. Ahem, one of

16 the issues was how West Village fit into

17 the picture obviously with them ahh, ahh, getting...

18 LEE:Bill?

19 FISHER:Yeah.

20 LEE:I'm not gonna discuss this no more over the phone.

21 FISHER:OK. Well, that's, that's fine then let's not

22 do that. OK. Well, then this is why we need to sit

23 down face to face. I just...

24 LEE:Well, I, I, I made, I, ahh, made a suggestion. We can

25 meet there somewhere on Northwest Highway. If you



1 wanta do that, we can do that; if not, then I need to go  
2 ahead and take care of my business.

3 FISHER:Well, that's what I'm saying. Look, why don't  
4 we try and get together then on Friday if we can do that.

5 LEE:That's fine. Alright.

6 FISHER:What and, you know, tell me where would you  
7 like to meet and what's a good time so I can set it  
8 and be there?

9 LEE:Well, I would like to get together now and get  
10 this in the way and out of the way.

11 FISHER:There again, now, see now, now the problem,  
12 it's almost 1:00 and I've gotta blow out of here at 3  
13 and I'm in the middle of trying to wrap a few things up.  
14 I've got some, you know, I won't bore you with the details.  
15 I've got some deadlines for TDHCA on some of these  
16 things I'm having to respond to here from my, ahh,  
17 desk so...

18 LEE:OK.

19 FISHER:That's why I was trying to impose on you to  
20 come out here, and I understand that doesn't work, so  
21 why don't we pick a convenient time and place for you  
22 on Friday that, you know, you and I can, can talk. I  
23 can't imagine it'll take more than an hour; happy to  
24 buy lunch if that's what you wanta do. But ahh...

25 LEE:No, I don't need anyone to buy lunch for me.

1 FISHER:OK. Ahem, so, you wanta set it now?

2 LEE:Ahem, yeah, we can, we can do, ahh, ahh, ahh...

3 FISHER:You know there's a Borders' Books I think in

4 there in, ahh, that West Village area. We can go get a

5 cup of coffee or something over there, there's,

6 there's you know some quiet areas over there we could

7 meet if that's easy. It's kinda in the West Village area.

8 LEE:Hold on, I mean, I have something tomorrow at noon.

9 FISHER: Again, I can do it in the morning or in the

10 early afternoon if you choose.

11 LEE:Well, let, let's touch bases, ahh, on Thursday,

12 Thursday evening or Monday, ahh, Friday morning.

13 FISHER:OK. Can we tenta, what tentatively is gonna

14 work best for you on Friday 'cause I'm just trying to

15 keep me, my schedule open. Is it gonna be best for

16 you in the morning or afternoon on Friday do you think?

17 LEE:Well, probably it won't be for lunch, so we'll probably

18 it, if, if in the morning, we'll, probably after, ahh,

19 10...

20 FISHER:OK.

21 LEE:...and if it's gonna be in the afternoon, it's

22 gonna probably be after 2.

23 FISHER:OK. Well, that's fine then, I'll just leave my

24 schedule open around that and then I'll call you

25 tonight and so let's, let's you know shoot for

1 somewhere over in West Village which is convenient for  
2 you and ahh, ahh we can talk about, like I say I think  
3 there's a Borders' Books over there we can grab a cup  
4 of coffee and that might be the easiest way.  
5 LEE:OK.  
6 FISHER:And I don't want, I'm not trying to make this  
7 complicated I just, you know, wanta make sure that I'm  
8 doing what I need to do to, you know, make my cases  
9 successful. Make sure we're all on the same page and,  
10 ahem I hope you know I'm not trying to make it  
11 too complicated.  
12 LEE:Alright.  
13 FISHER:Thank you.  
14 LEE:Sure, bye'.  
15 END OF THAT CONVERSATION  
16 FISHER: It, It's, ahh, 1:05 on, ahh, the 15th and I'm  
17 doing a follow-up call to Rick Robertson after my  
18 phone call with D'Angelo Lee.  
19 (Long pause)  
20 (Phone - busy signal)  
21 (Dialing phone)  
22 (Phone ringing)  
23 ROBERTSON: Millennium.  
24 FISHER:Hey, is this Rick?  
25 ROBERTSON:Speaking.

1 FISHER:Hey, it's Bill Fisher, are you where you can  
2 talk or you wanta call me back?  
3 ROBERTSON:Ahh, is it the number that you're calling me  
4 from, is that ahh...  
5 FISHER:That's just my office number. Call me back.  
6 If you're gonna call me back, call me back on my cell  
7 I'm sitting here in my office, but, ahh, that's my  
8 office...  
9 ROBERTSON:OK.  
10 FISHER:...that's my office line.  
11 ROBERTSON:I'll call you right back. I'll call you...  
12 FISHER:Yeah, call me, call me on my cell.  
13 ROBERTSON:OK. I'll do that.  
14 FISHER:Bye' bye'.  
15 ROBERTSON:Bye' bye'.  
16 END OF THAT CONVERSATION  
17 Allen Wilson:Hey, Bill?  
18 FISHER:Yeah.  
19 Wilson:Al Wilson...Hey, have you called him back yet?  
20 (A buzz on the line)  
21 END OF THAT CONVERSATION  
22 (Phone ringing)  
23 ROBERTSON:Millennium.  
24 FISHER:Hey, Rick, did you just try me?  
25 ROBERTSON:Yeah, I tried you from a 4...467 number.

1 FISHER:Yeah, it is, I tried it back, but it doesn't  
2 ring through so...  
3 ROBERTSON:Yeah, I'll call, I'll call you right back.  
4 The reason why I'm calling you, because, on this,  
5 on this other phone is because, ahh, this,  
6 this one here's about to go dead. I'm in a low area.  
7 FISHER:Ah, I don't care it's no big deal...  
8 ROBERTSON:OK.  
9 FISHER:...you can call me wherever you want. I'm  
10 here...  
11 ROBERTSON:I'll hit you.  
12 FISHER:...I just didn't recognize it as your number.  
13 ROBERTSON:I'll call you right back.  
14 FISHER:Alrightie, bye'.  
15 ROBERTSON:Alright bye' bye'.  
16 END OF THAT CONVERSATION  
17 FISHER: It's ahh 1:15 on the 15th..he's calling back  
18 from a pay phone or somebody else's phone and he's  
19 gonna try me again here.  
20 (Phone ringing)  
21 FISHER:Bill Fisher.  
22 ROBERTSON:Hey, Bill, how you doing? This is Rick.  
23 FISHER:Good Rick, how are you?  
24 ROBERTSON:Alright.  
25 FISHER:Ahem, so have you, ahh, I, have you talked to

1 D'Angelo here in the last few minutes?

2 ROBERTSON:Yeah, I, I just spoke to him, just a  
3 few minutes ago.

4 FISHER:Well, what's, you know, what, what's, what's  
5 cooking? What, what do we do next here?

6 ROBERTSON:Ahh, ahem, basically, I don't, did he,  
7 did he say you're gonna meet with, with him or what,  
8 what did he say?

9 FISHER:Well, he can't come up here and with their  
10 short schedules and, you know, so we're not gonna be  
11 able to get together here, I guess, this afternoon so,  
12 we're talking about getting together on Friday.

13 ROBERTSON:OK. OK.

14 FISHER:Is the game plan. Now ahh, you know, with the  
15 case going tomorrow is that alright with you guys?

16 ROBERTSON:Well, I mean, you know, ahh, I, I believe it,  
17 that, that you know every, I believe that you're a man of  
18 your word and, and, and, you know, and everything, you  
19 know, being said, ahh, you know, ahh...

20 FISHER:Well, frankly, you know, the case is controlled  
21 by Don ultimately, so.

22 ROBERTSON:Yeah.

23 FISHER:You know, it's not like you guys don't still  
24 have the ability to ahh...

25 ROBERTSON:Yeah.

1 FISHER:....(Stuttering) to, you know, deal with it if  
2 I don't respond.  
3 ROBERTSON:Right, but, but, but, ahh, ahh, you know,  
4 everything is (stuttering) taken care of with it, though.  
5 FISHER:OK. The reality is I need D'Angelo to tell me  
6 that and, frankly, he was being a little coy so...  
7 ROBERTSON:Yeah, yeah ahh...  
8 FISHER:Just, just, just, you know, I mean, I understand  
9 he needs to be cautious; I wanta be cautious here too,  
10 you dont's wanta talk a lot here on the phone obviously,  
11 but you know, I understand everybody needs to be  
12 cautious but you know, at some point, we're gonna have  
13 to be frank about exactly what needs to get done so...  
14 ROBERTSON:Right, right.  
15 FISHER:...ahh just as long as he's prepared to, you  
16 know, give me the confirmation here I will, you know,  
17 we're certainly prepared to, ahh, to work with you guys  
18 and do what you're asking us to do so ahh, so um, so  
19 you'll, what I was gonna suggest is maybe, does he  
20 not want you to come to the meeting?  
21 ROBERTSON:Ahh, well, well, nah, well, ahh, it, it doesn't  
22 matter if I come or not, but I'll, I mean I'll be  
23 there if (stuttering) you know, it (stuttering) wasn't like  
24 that. What we gonna do is ahh, I think I'm gonna try  
25 to meet with him in a minute.

1 FISHER:OK. So you guys are getting together. Why  
2 don't you guys get together and talk and then call me.  
3 I mean, you know exactly what you, you and I are talking  
4 about here so.  
5 ROBERTSON:Right, right, right.  
6 FISHER:So you guys just talk about it; I'll, I'm available  
7 on Friday around his schedule, I, I suggested we  
8 meet at Borders' Books or something and that, that  
9 will work fine for me or any place, you know?  
10 The best thing is that, one of the problems  
11 we're having, frankly, is...  
12 ROBERTSON:Mm-hmmm.  
13 FISHER:...you know, I don't get any advance warning  
14 and I don't know when the meeting is so it's hard; I'm  
15 trying to keep my schedule open for him.  
16 ROBERTSON:Exactly.  
17 FISHER:He seemed a little pissed off that I wasn't, be  
18 able to be flexible today, I'm just not in a position  
19 to be flexible right now 'cause I've got all these  
20 other projects going on out of town.  
21 ROBERTSON:Correct. Correct.  
22 FISHER:So, if we could set a time and a place, I will  
23 be there with bells on and I'll do everything I can to,  
24 to re-do my schedule, but, you know, he called me  
25 you know almost 1:00 said let's meet at 2 somewhere



1 else and I just couldn't do that. There's just...

2 ROBERTSON:Yes.

3 FISHER:...as much as I want to, I do, just no way.

4 'Cause I have other stuff going on so, you know, we're

5 close here on this, so let's just keep pushing.

6 ROBERTSON:OK. OK.

7 FISHER:And I appreciate it if you just talk to him and,

8 ahh, then we'll get something tomorrow or Friday.

9 ROBERTSON:OK. That sounds good.

10 FISHER:Alright.

11 ROBERTSON:OK. Bye' bye'.

12 FISHER:Bye'.

13 FISHER: (UI).

14 END OF THAT CONVERSATION

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